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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U. S. application of:	)	Before the Examiner
Hai H. Trieu	)	Alvin J. Stewart
	)	
Serial No. 10/717,687	)	
	)	Group Art Unit 3738
Filing Date: November 20, 2003	)	
	)	
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	)	
DELIVERING AN INTERVERTEBRAL	)	
DISC IMPLANT	)	September 12, 2005

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2005, please consider the following. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any additional fees which may be due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313 on September 12, 2005.

Timothy N. Thomas

Name of Registered Representative

Signature

September 12, 2005

Date of Signature